

New law provides that DPS&C, office of state police, may issue a temporary letter of authorization for the display of gaming equipment by gaming manufacturers and distributors at trade shows or conventions having a legal capacity to hold 250 or more persons. The gaming equipment shall be maintained in display only mode and shall be used only for display purposes. No gaming equipment shall be capable of accepting any token, coin, or currency or dispensing any currency, coin, token, premium, merchandise, or anything of value or anything which is redeemable for anything of value. The term of the license provided for by new law shall not exceed 15 consecutive days.

New law provides that DPS&C, office of state police, may issue a special letter of authorization for the conducting of raffles or drawings at trade shows or exposition in a hotel or convention facility or convention center having a legal capacity to hold 250 or more persons. The term of the license provided for by new law shall not exceed 15 consecutive days.

New law further provides that no license shall be issued unless:

- (1) The applicant is an agent or representative of an organization holding a convention, trade show, or exposition in a convention center located within Louisiana and at least 200 people are registered to participate in that convention.
- (2) Cash prizes are not to be awarded and merchandise prizes are not to be repurchased.

New law further provides that DPS&C, office of state police, shall adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of new law and submit them to the La. Register no later than Sept. 15, 1999.

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(Adds R.S. 47:7003(G), (H), (I), and (J))